Subject No. 352.
Remissions required on wet lands in Nanjangud and Chamrajnagar Taluks this year.

Summary of discussion.—The rains failed this year and tanks did not receive their full supply of water. Lands therefore remain largely uncultivated and such Kartik crops as were planted failed in the Nanjangud and Chamrajnagar Taluks. A portion of the wet assessment should therefore be remitted this year.

Dewan's reply.—Yes, where necessary.

Subject No. 353.
Difficulties in procuring land in Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Applications for cultivation of Gomal lands, Bechirakh villages and lands containing scrub jungle are often refused on the ground that the Forest Department object to the grant of these lands containing as they do some sandal plants and scrub jungle. This should be put a stop to and the Amildars directed to dispose of such applications without the interference of the Forest Department unless there are valuable timber trees on the lands asked for.

Dewan's reply.—This complaint was brought up before. Cultivation is extending in the Heggaddevankote Taluk and there is a demand for more land. The Deputy Commissioner will be instructed as desired.

Subject No. 354.
Simplification of new forms of village accounts.

Summary of discussion.—The headings of forms Nos. 3, 4 and 9 of the forms of village accounts printed in Appendix A to the Revenue Rules are too numerous. These forms should be revised and simplified as Shanbhogs find it difficult to prepare accounts in them. Representative Members from the Nagamangala Taluk also spoke on the same subject remarking that the new forms for accounts were very elaborate entailing considerable labor in their preparation without corresponding advantage to Government or to the raiyat and that the survey forms which they superseded were more suitable and should be restored.

Dewan's reply.—Noted for consideration.

Subject No. 355.
Excessive Court costs in Revenue matters.

Summary of discussion.—The raiyats are put to heavy expense by way of stamp duty on petitions addressed to the Dewan and the Deputy Commissioner. They now hear that they have to affix stamps to petitions to Amildars and pay process fees in inquiries to be held by Amildars. This will be very hard for the poor people and should be abolished and the Amildars directed to conduct summary enquiries as before. Moreover the Land Revenue Code and the rules thereunder do not specify what complaints are cognizable by whom. A definition of this as in the schedule annexed to the Criminal Procedure Code would be useful and save time and trouble to all concerned. Again the cost of stamps presses all the more heavily upon people as Amildars now require a written representation with stamp affixed in every petty matter which formerly used to be disposed of at Jamabandi time on representations made by word of mouth or petition on plain paper.

Dewan's reply.—Evidently there is a desire to swell the returns of Revenue cases. We shall issue a circular on the subject. The less we have of Revenue cases the better.

Subject No. 356.

Prejudice of raiyats' rights to and privileges in District Forests.

Summary of discussion.—During the time of Mr. Russell, Assistant Conservator of Forests, certain jungles were reserved with the promise that free grazing would be allowed in these reserved tracts. Now the Forest Department do not allow such grazing. Moreover District Forests reserved for raiyats' use and privileges are overworked by the issue of licenses to cut timber and Railway fuel therein. Raiyats were told that the District Forests were being reserved and conserved for their benefit. Refusal of grazing to raiyats and cutting of timber for Government Depôts and fuel for Railway is not the way of benefiting raiyats. It is requested that this should be remedied.

Dewan's reply.—Inquiries will be made and needful orders given.

Subject No. 357.

Improvement of channels and channel fed tanks in Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Improvement of the Hanumantapur and Uddur Nalas and repair of the tanks fed by them in flood time which supply water to the fields when the river is low and the channels do not run full is a subject which was submitted last year and which calls for the early consideration and action of Government Public Works Department.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is receiving attention in the Public Works Department and a special officer is being deputed to get up the necessary project.

Subject No. 358.

Remission of assessment on lands below channels and channel fed tanks in the Heggaddevankote Taluks.

Summary of discussion.—Pending such improvement and in years like the present when crops have been wholly or partially lost, remissions of assessment should be granted.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will inquire at jamabandi time. Inquiry will be made as to the prevailing rates of wet assessment and the nature of the water supply contemplated when the rates were fixed. If necessary the assessment may be temporarily reduced.

Subject No. 359.

Free copy of the Gazette to every Shekdar and every Member of the Dasara Representative Assembly.

Summary of discussion.—Every Shekdar and every Member of the Representative Assembly should be supplied with a copy of the Mysore Government Gazette free of charge just as Shanbhogs and Patels have been ordered to be supplied at half rates.

Dewan's reply.—Shekdars get their orders from the Taluk easily enough. The others can pay for the Gazette; the subscription is not heavy.

Subject No. 360.

Finality of Deputy Commissioner's decisions under Section 32 of the Land Revenue Code.

Summary of discussion.—According to Section 32, para 2, Land Revenue Code, officials whose pay is less than Rs. 40 have no chance of appealing to Government against any order, fining, suspending, reducing or dismissing them, passed by the Deputy Commissioner. This is a great hardship to such officials. The Section should be amended.